



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)
GUSTAFSON, Vincent K. et al.)
Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR**) Group Art Unit: 1744
PREPARING MICROFLUIDIC)
DEVICES FOR OPERATION) Examiner: [not yet assigned]
Serial Number: 10/686,347) Attorney Docket: 129-US
Filed: October 14, 2003)

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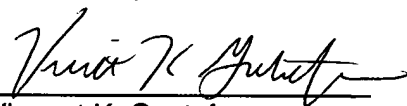
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- Transmittal Letter [1 page]
- Preliminary Amendment [3 pages]
- Power of Attorney by Assignee with Copy of Assignment [4 pages]
- Non-Publication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) [1 page]
- Return Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,


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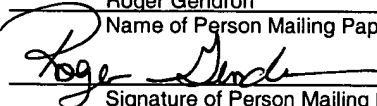
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